head constable and four constables in 1105 for the new outpost at Pangode in the Nedumangad taluk and of an Inspector and a Head Constable for the more efficient control of traffic constables from the beginning of 1106. The Government have also revised from the above date the pay of the constabulary. The pay of the lowest grade has been enhanced from Rs. 9 to Rs. 11 per mensem, and an increase of Re. 1 per mensem has been granted to the constables in the other grades.

Public Works.

22. The expenditure on the Public Works Department was higher than in any previous year. The expenditure on ordinary public works charged to revenue was Rs. 42·68 lakhs against Rs. 41·95 lakhs in 1104. An expenditure of Rs. 26·79 lakhs was incurred under communications, which thus consumed nearly 72 per cent. of the gross outlay on works and repairs under all service heads. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 16·81 lakhs was devoted to the opening of new roads and to improvements and special repairs to communications and Rs. 9·98 lakhs to the maintenance of roads, traces and canals. The total length of roads newly opened and of those improved were 69 miles and 412 miles against 48 miles and 282 miles, respectively, in 1104 The total length of communications maintained during 1105 was 4,893 miles against 4,852 miles in 1104. The Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road, which is the most important road under construction, is almost completed and is expected to be thrown open to traffic soon. The Neendakara bridge, treated as a capital undertaking, was opened for traffic on the 32nd Edavom 1105 by Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent and named the Setu Lakshmi Bhayi Bridge. The bridge has cost on the whole Rs. 5·17 lakhs, of which Rs. 1·46 lakhs was spent in 1105. The expenditure on buildings fell from Rs. 7·38 lakhs in 1104 to Rs. 6·94 lakhs in 1105, of which a sum of Rs. 5·20 lakhs was spent on construction and Rs. 1·74 lakhs on annual repairs and maintenance. Under capital expenditure not charged to revenue, a sum of Rs. 8·75 lakhs was spent on the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme, Rs. 1·17 lakhs on the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme, Rs. 0.53 lakh on the Trivandrum Telephone Scheme, besides the Rs. 1·46 lakhs on the Neendakara Bridge. Inclusive of the capital outlay and the expenditure on contribution works, the total amount spent by the Public Works Department during 1105 was Rs. 58·57 lakhs. Proposals have been made by the Chief Engineer for investigating a complete drainage scheme for the Trivandrum town.

Trivandrum Water Works.

23. The total expenditure on the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme till the end of 1105 amounted to Rs. 17·83 lakhs, of which Rs. 8·75 lakhs was spent during the year. Satisfactory progress has been made in the head works at Aruvikkara. The bridge across the Karamanai river has been completed, the foundation trench for the dam has been partly finished and pneumatic drilling of the bed rock for purposes of grouting with cement to seal up the seams and fissures is being carried out. The trenching work on the main supply line has also made considerable progress. Pipe-laying and jointing were com-